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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Shall President Take Orders From the Pope?

Given in chapel on March 14, 1960

By Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

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In the next few months in America you are going to have to meet this issue—as a matter of fact, we are meeting it right now.

There are about a hundred different denominations and religious groups represented in Bob Jones University, and we probably have a larger percentage of different Baptist groups represented in our student body than any other group.

By the way, there are a great many Baptist groups rising up in America. I have just returned to the campus from Miami, Florida, where I conducted an evangelistic conference, and there are about a dozen independent Baptist churches down there that are on their tiptoes and working in a marvelous way. Independent Baptist churches are springing up all over the country.

Any group of Christian people can organize a Baptist church—all they have to do is get together four or five people. Baptist churches have self-government. They never were supposed to have bishops, etc. I was brought up in the Methodist Church, and Methodists have bishops and district superintendents; and even though these may be good men, there is a sense in which they are "religious bosses." But if a Baptist has a "boss," then he is to blame. If you are a Baptist, you do not have to be bossed. Baptists can get together and decide what they will do and what they will not do, etc. A Baptist group is a democratic organization. If the members of a Baptist church have plenty of religion and plenty of character, they can manage to carry on.

As I said, we have more Baptists here in the University than any other group, but we have about a hundred different groups represented. Thank God, we live in America where we can have that. That is the thing that makes America. We do not have to have "bosses" in America unless we choose to be nobody and to be bossed. If a person in America wants to be bossed, all right. If I wanted a "religious boss," I would join the Roman Catholic Church. I would not let anybody else boss me—I would just join the Catholic Church because Catholics have "religious bosses" from the Pope all the way down.



Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

Obey the Bible or the Pope? Protestant Versus Catholic Authority

Good Protestants, whether they are Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, or whatever they may be, believe in an authoritative Bible. If Protestants do not believe in an authoritative Bible, then they do not have any authority at all: a man can be a Unitarian, or he can worship the Devil if he wants to. Under our American system of government, nobody can control

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What Does God Say About Capital Punishment?

By Dr. William Ward Ayer
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Does the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," apply to the state when it deals with murderers? Are our courts too lenient with murderous punks of our city streets?

I've recently spent many weeks in California where the papers were full of the degenerate Chessman case. The man himself is a convicted degenerate.

The courts, including the Supreme Courts of California and the United States, have dealt with the Chessman case for twelve years. The craziest legal procedures in our history have been operative. International Communism has used it as a weapon against the United States, even threatening bodily harm to our President as he traveled in South America if Chessman were executed.

If the Word of God were not ignored, America would not be made the laughing stock of much of the world over this Chessman tragedy.

A Strange Case

An editorial in the Los Angeles Times said this about the case:

"Grinning, arrogant, sharp-witted—and alive—Chessman, committer of indescribable crimes, is a heavy reproach to the state's conscience . . . The Legislature refused at its last general session to wipe out capital punishment in California, and in the debates Chessman's 'cruel and unusual punishment' was cited as a strong argument for repeal. The 'cruel and unusual' argument has caught on with some people. Chessman has been on the brink long enough, they say; he has been punished enough. But who hung him on the cliff? Chief Judge Richard H. Chambers of the U. S. Court of Appeals torpedoed the 'cruel and

unusual' argument in his salty opinion of two weeks ago:

"It may be a basic weakness in our government system that a case like this takes so long, but I do not see how we can offer life (under a death sentence) as a prize for one who can stall the processes for a given number of years, especially when in the end it appears the prisoner never really had any good points."

I do not try to settle the Chessman case in this message, but rather try to give what God says about capital punishment.

Plague of Crime

Our land is plagued and conternated by crimes of all sorts. Recently we broadcast a table of figures presented by the FBI

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Dr. William Ward Ayer

WHY DO SOULS GO AWAY FROM JESUS?

By the late George W. Truett, D.D.

"Then said Jesus unto the twelve: Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life."—John 6:67, 68.

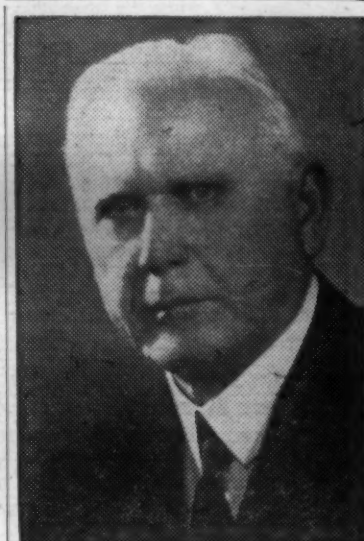
In a very frank way and with a deep desire to help you, I should like to ask you, one by one, the personal question, What are your relations to Jesus, the Saviour and Master? Everyone must have personal relations with Him. We must be His friends or His foes. We must be for Him or against Him. What are your personal relations to the Lord Jesus Christ? Are you for Him or against Him?

Once when He was here among men in the flesh, and the multitudes were following Him, and He was teaching them pungently what following Him meant, the crowds were depleted, and grew less and less before His searching teaching, and finally He turned to the twelve apostles who were following Him and put to them this plaintive question: "Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life."

Our text this morning is that searching question Jesus asked the twelve: "Will ye also go away?" The text suggests two burning questions for us this morning. Why do people go away from Jesus? Where do they go? God give us to face faithfully for a little while at this midday service these two weighty questions.

1. Why Do People Go Away From Jesus?

Why do people go away from Jesus? The fundamental reason is want of grace in the heart, the lack of true faith, the absence of vital godliness. The Apostle John tells us: "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would not have continued with us; but they went out from us that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us." But we are back to that searching question, Why do people go away from Jesus? Many do go away from Him. Why? Now, the outward reasons for their going reveal what is in their hearts, and we may glance this morning at some of these outward reasons why people go away from Jesus.



Dr. George W. Truett

They Object to His Teaching

Here, on the occasion of our text, they went away from Him because they objected to His teaching. Through the long centuries, again and again, many have manifestly gone away from Jesus because they objected to His teaching. Read the context here in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, and you will hear the multitudes as they cry out under His teaching: "This is a hard saying; who can hear it?" And so they turned away from Him because they objected to His teaching. The gospel of Jesus Christ, my friends, is very humbling to poor human nature. Pride revolts at the gospel of Christ. And yet such gospel is not designed to please man, but

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Hurry With Subscriptions Campaign Closes June 9

By Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

For the past few weeks we have been making a special subscription offer of a six-months' subscription for only \$1.00. This special offer has been made in order to help thousands of our friends to get THE SWORD OF THE LORD into the homes of their loved ones who need the revival message of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We actually lose a little money in handling these six months for \$1.00 subscriptions, but we want to introduce the paper to as many new friends as possible in this short period of time.

My, how grateful we are for the many friends who have been helping with this campaign. Our good friends in the Maranatha Baptist Church in Ripley, Tennessee, had a SWORD Sunday and put up a big poster sign at the entrance of the church and urged all the folks in the church to subscribe. Many, many other churches also had a special SWORD Sunday in their services, urging the members to get the paper.

Brother Paul Raker, pastor of the Faith Baptist Tabernacle in Winston-Salem and long-time friend of THE SWORD, urged his folk to help in this special campaign. Today I received a letter

from him with a check for \$38 for new six months for \$1.00 subscriptions. One man in Brother Raker's church sent twenty-seven other new six-months' subscriptions at \$1.00 each. Praise the Lord for friends like these who have a burden on their hearts to help get THE SWORD OF THE LORD out to as many as possible.

Special Offer Closes June 9!

After June 9 the regular subscription price of \$3.00 per year will again be in effect. Actually even at this price THE SWORD is a great bargain, but during the campaign new-subscriptions have been accepted at six months for only \$1.00. (Renewal subscriptions may be included for a full year at only \$2.00.) You must hurry if you want to take advantage of this special offer.

Probably there are many of your friends and loved ones who need what THE SWORD OF THE LORD can give to them. The three full-length revival sermons each week, the weekly Bible crossword puzzle, the many other features and articles could well mean the salvation of

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Please note the radio log giving the stations, the hour, the place on the dial where you can hear "Voice of Revival" broadcast with the editor preaching, with the fine choir and Rice sisters duets.

Two new stations carry the broadcast now. They are:

KWIV, Douglas, Wyoming, 1050 KC, 4:15 Wednesday afternoon.

WHRT, Hartselle, Alabama, 860 KC on the dial, 3:00 p.m. Sunday. We are specially anxious to hear from these new stations.

Remember the changes. Instead of WLS, Chicago, now we broadcast on WCFL, 1000 on the dial at 9:30 p.m. Sunday night, Central Daylight Time. On Radio KWTO, Springfield, Missouri, we broadcast Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

On WMUU, Greenville, South Carolina, broadcast is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. instead of 3:05 in the afternoon.

We are anxious to hear from listeners to WMCP, Columbia, Tennessee, 1280 on the dial, 8:30 a. m. Sunday, and listeners to KCTA, Corpus Christi, 1030 on the dial at 1:00 p. m. Sunday.

I hope you will keep the radio log, be sure to find where you can hear us broadcast, and get others to listen.

How to Combine Radio and "Letter Month" Offer

During the month of May, "Letter Month," we are offering free the twenty-four-page pamphlet, pictured cover, green ink, on *The Double Curse of Booze* by the editor. You may have this free if you ask for it whether your letter includes an offering or a book order or subscription or not.

But for a gift of \$5.00 or more to the "Voice of Revival" broadcast (or to other work of the Sword of the Lord), you may have a free copy of the \$1.00 value book of 153 Christian poems called *Apples of Gold*. This beautiful book is reserved for you and if your subscription order, book order, or gift of \$5.00 or more reaches us during "Letter Month," we will send this beautiful book of poems free.

And we want your letters whether you order anything or buy anything or send a gift. We want you to tell us that you are praying for us, and tell us of blessings received through THE SWORD, and offer your counsel and your support to this missionary, soul-winning work.

Where Are the Bible Preachers Who Preach What God Said About Sin and Its Punishment?

You remember Brother Sumner's wonderful sermon on "Surprises of Sin" two weeks ago and this editor's sermon on "The Dangerous Triplets — Socialism, Modernism, and Communism," and my sermon also on "The Double Curse of Booze." Perhaps you have read my sermon on Hell which I have often preached on the first Sunday night of great city-wide revival campaigns, my sermon, "Is God a 'Dirty Bully'?" and the sermon "The Scarlet Sin and the Roads That Lead to It."

Old-time preachers with the power of God used to preach giving God's solemn warning, obeying the plain command to "reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine" (II Tim. 4:2); the command to "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isa. 58:1). Jonathan Edwards preached that famous sermon on "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." Billy Sunday preached "Get on the Water Wagon," and with pungent, sulfurous language he warned of the folly of sin and certain punishment that follows. I had an assistant go through John Wesley's Journal and make a list of the texts that he used. Oh, how he preached on sin and Hell and judgment and the wrath of God! Moody preached so strong on sowing and reaping. R. A. Torrey preached so sharply on the sins of the dance and the theater that multitudes gave up these sins, and he preached so vigorously against the wickedness of unbelief that many atheists and infidels were converted. Evangelist Sam Jones used the Bible as a mighty Sword and how men trembled and repented under his preaching!

Too many preachers these days are, in Bible language, "dumb dogs that do not bark." They are watchmen, men who do not warn. They please the worldly crowd that says unto them, "Preach unto us smooth things."

Where else but in THE SWORD OF THE LORD will you find real Bible preaching, full-length sermons, honest facing of sin, calling men to repentance? And that is why no other Christian magazine in the world has as many conversions, readers wonderfully born again, through its message as does THE SWORD OF THE LORD!

Hadn't you better send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to as many as possible, introduce it in the homes of saved and lost alike? Remember, at present you can send new subscriptions for only \$1.00 for six months. And if you send \$10 worth you may add your own subscription at the same rate.

Remember Drs. Jones and Gartenhaus

Pastors in El Paso, and in the city of Juarez, Mexico, across the border from El Paso, tell me that Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., will be in that Mexican city June 7 for a conference in the morning with city-wide backing in the Methodist Redeemer Church (independent), 527 North Brasil Street, and in the evening at a mass evangelistic meeting in a public auditorium.

Our friend, Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus, recently spent three weeks in the hospital with a great deal of pain and an operation for throat and chest complications. This useful and devoted man of God wishes our friends to pray for his strength and for the work of Jewish evangelism.

Our Thousands of Puzzle Fans

We rejoice in the thousands of people who have found the joy and profit from our Bible crossword puzzles in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Besides the prize offered each week for those who get these Bible-study crossword puzzles correct, we offer the editor's book, *Home: Courtship, Marriage and Children*, a Bible manual on the home, 381 pages, 22 chapters free for everyone who completed correctly 48 of the puzzles this year and would send in to us in one batch those 48 cards crediting him with the correct solution.

For those who send in 40 cards showing that many correct puzzles worked in 1960, we offer the beautiful clothbound book, *The Soul-Winner's Fire*, with eight chapters on soul-winning passion and power, a life-changing volume which has blessed thousands.

But we do not want our late-comers to miss the blessings of this puzzle department so we urge you to try your hand week after week with the puzzles. You will get great blessings by the work itself and then each week there is a helpful reward for completing the puzzle correctly.

But for those who do not succeed in getting one of the prizes mentioned above, we offer the beautiful book of poems, *Apples of Gold*, 153 poems for Christians, value \$1.00, for each one who will send in 25 cards showing that many puzzles correctly completed this year. So those who have not been working at the puzzles, won't you begin now?

We feel that so much good is done by the puzzles that we are glad to give some rewards to those who work them correctly and so learn the Scriptures involved. But the money that we spend on each puzzle fan who sends in regular answers is more than the subscription price that THE SWORD OF THE LORD will cover, and we hope that those who can will send along a dime for the actual expenses of the puzzle department, when you can.

A Strong New Church at Holland, Michigan

The editor is spending four days, May 1-4 with Pastor Garland Coffield at the Rose Park Baptist Church, Holland, Michigan. We had good crowds Sunday and Monday, five professions of faith Sunday, about 300 present Monday night, and we rejoice to see a strong, vigorous church here. Their church is two years old. They have been in their own building about six months. I noticed about 120 adults in the Bible class taught by the pastor, and I find a well-taught, solid young church with great promise for the future.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

We notice that *His* magazine, published by Inter-Varsity Press, has an extended testimony by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale who says that he believes in the fundamentals of the Christian faith, etc., and tells when he was converted. In fact, he says he was saved several times!

Now it is not for me to question whether Dr. Norman Vincent Peale is saved and whether he believes the Bible, if he says he does. But the fact that he has dances in his church, that he never takes a clear stand defending the Bible, that in *Look* magazine and his other published works there is rarely an indication that he believes the Bible or that he trusts in the atoning blood of Christ, and

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It Will Pay You to Write Us!

By Viola Walden,
Editor's Assistant

THIS IS LETTER MONTH! During May we are asking SWORD readers to write us. We want your comments on THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We want to hear reports of people saved through our literature. We want to know what book has helped you. We want your advice, your suggestions about how to do more soul-winning work through SWORD of the Lord literature and how to make THE SWORD OF THE LORD a greater blessing. It is to us a matter of great importance to have your letters.

Besides, we feel if we get our friends to write, they will do something good which they had long intended to do but had postponed. If you write, perhaps you will send a subscription for a friend, or renew your own. If you write, you may order the books you have wanted, but neglected to order. Or you may send a gift to our Free Literature Fund, or to Voice of Revival broadcast. Or you may ask a Bible question which puzzles you.

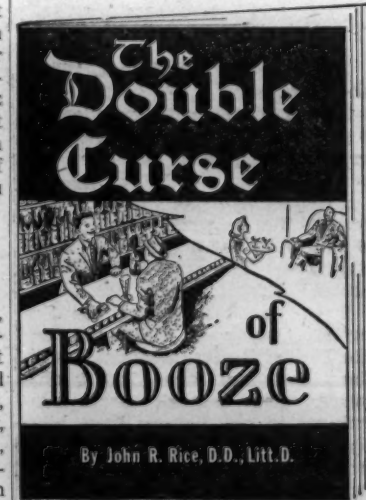
It is important to us to have your letters. So, during this annual Letter Month, we trust to hear from YOU.

About Our Editor

Through the 25 years I have known and worked for Dr. Rice, one trait stands out—that is, inside him is a continual, never-satisfied desire to give, a desire born out of tender, compassionate love for people. And he does give—of himself, and all that he has. He would give more to you good readers if he did not have Walt Handford and me, and one or two others, to veto his suggestions some of the time! And there are no strings attached to his giving, no ulterior motives—just a longing to get out the Gospel in order to get more people saved, and be a blessing to those who are already saved.

The Newest Example

The most recent example of this longing to give is his offering of the booklet, *The Double Curse of Booze*, free to all who write for it during May, Letter Month. It was planned and offered to you for no other reason than to be a blessing to you. Yet that blessing



to your heart, the expenses involved, and the joy of giving it to you will be lost if you do not write for your copy of the booklet.

Many, many are writing during Letter Month, but some of you have not done so yet. You've intended to, I'm sure. You want it; you plan to read it now, and then give it to someone who is in real need of its message. But you will miss it if you do not hurry and write for it—the month will soon be gone!

I remind you that it has 24 pages, a long message taken down word-for-word as preached in a great revival campaign. Hardly a home but needs this message. Surely 'some will be turned from drink by it. Now you may have it free—just by asking for it.

Now I said there were no strings attached to the above, and I mean it. Except YOU have to write a letter and ask for it. But here are other offers during Letter Month which we believe you will want to take advantage of:

APPLES OF GOLD Free With Cash Order or Gift of \$5 or More

APPLES OF GOLD is the title of the new book of Christian poems compiled by Dr. Rice. Here under a lovely blue and gold cover you will find 153 poems indexed according to subject matter. A number of poems written by Dr. Rice are included. Sprinkled throughout the book are selected quotations which point up a moral or tell a humorous story. You will



enjoy poems by Annie Johnson Flint, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Charles Wesley, Edgar Guest and many others.

We are happy to give this big book free to SWORD readers during May, Letter Month, with every cash order of \$5 or more for subscriptions or books or gifts to either "Voice of Revival," Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund, or our Free Literature Fund. Just write a letter today, enclose your subscription or book order for \$5 or more, or your gift, and ask for your free copy of *Apples of Gold*.

Book Bargains

1. You may wish to take this opportunity to buy 30 of the 25c pamphlet library for only \$5 (plus 5% for postage and handling); and get free *Apples of Gold*, priced at \$1.

2. "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" the famous soul-winning pamphlet of 24 pages, is only \$1.50 per hundred during May (a saving of 50c on every one hundred ordered). Stock up now. And if you order \$5 worth, you not only save on the booklet, but get another \$1 book free, *Apples of Gold*.

3. Now you can get six-month introductory subscriptions for \$1 each. Besides sending THE SWORD to many friends, you may have free the poem book for \$5 order, plus the pamphlet, *The Double Curse of Booze*.

4. In this issue are several ads on SWORD books. Look them over and order \$5 worth now when you can get a \$1 book free with any order of \$5 or more, or any gift.

Please write us today. Letter Month will soon be over. We need to hear from you. Please address your mail either to Dr. John R. Rice or SWORD OF THE LORD, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

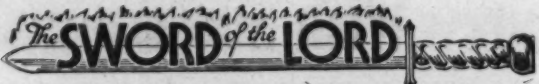
Encouraging Letters

Recently we have had an unusual amount of good letters—some telling of the blessing they get from SWORD books, or THE SWORD OF THE LORD, and many have written how VOICE OF REVIVAL has helped them find Christ.

On March 30 a man wrote from Hotel Warden in Newark, Ohio: "March 27 your talk reached the heart. Tonight I came to Jesus. Happily (Signed) C. P."

A Jewish man wrote to tell how he had been listening to Voice of Revival for about a year. He asked prayer, and said, "By the grace of God, I was saved out of Judaism and know Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. In two months I am leaving for the armed services and plan upon leaving the army to enter into full-time Christian service. The problem that has arisen is that I have not as yet taken a public stand for Jesus with my family. I have begun hinting and my mother has seen many Christian books that I possess and read. Realizing this great interest in Christianity, she cries constantly and begs me to forget about becoming a Christian . . . During the month of April I plan to be

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Kids KORNER

By Aunt Mary

How much does music mean to you? Little tots often greatly enjoy singing "Jesus Loves Me," even though they don't understand all Jesus' love means. But they know being loved is wonderful. Bigger children can appreciate many kinds of music.

Today I was sitting at my old nearly square grand piano singing an old favorite of mine, "I Am a Pilgrim." It was good to be reminded that Heaven is my home; I live here only for a while. I remembered days and nights when I was desperately discouraged and the world seemed a mess. There was real comfort in singing a song that reminded me that Jesus is preparing a place in Heaven for me.

When you are afraid of the dark, or when a storm frightens you, have you tried what used to help me? As I walked home alone in the dark, or at any time when I was a little scared, I sang quietly to myself, "God Will Take Care of You." When I told my Swedish brother-in-law that, he told me that under such circumstances he sings "More secure is no one ever than the loved ones of the Saviour," from the old Swedish hymn.

I hope you do get a song book and sing at your church services with the older people. Put away your Sunday School paper and look up every song. You should of course sing every song you know and try to learn the unfamiliar ones. But make a point of meaning what you sing. It would not please the Lord to lie when you sing, would it? I hope you never sing, "Where He leads me I will follow" while your heart is rebellious. I hope when you sing, "I surrender all" that every "Sword-Bearer" really means, "Lord, I give myself to You for whatever You want me to do or be."

A song can be a tremendous blessing, whether it is a little chorus, "Thank You, Lord, for Saving My Soul," or a famous work like the "Hallelujah Chorus" from *The Messiah*. If you have never heard that one, I hope you will soon have the opportunity. Sometimes church choirs sing it, but if you can't hear a choir in person, perhaps Mother could buy a record—many are available at record shops and Christian bookstores of many choirs—and you could hear it over and over again. I hope you will sing "Hallelujah" to God as you hear it.

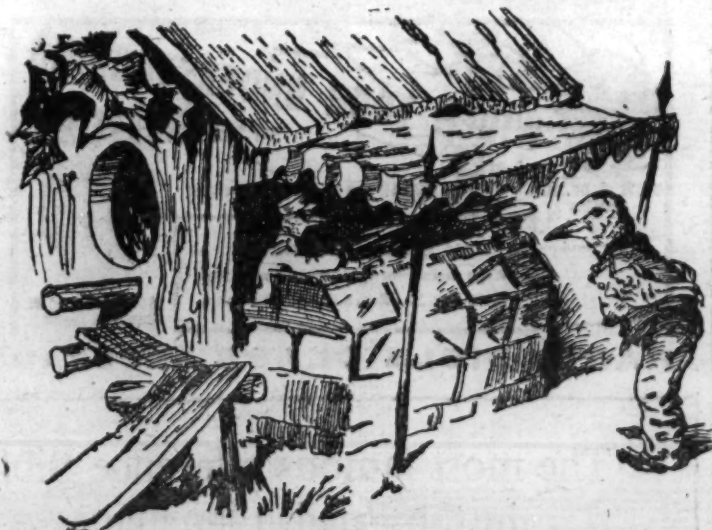
Please don't make the mistake of saying, "Well, I like only this kind of music," whether you mean hymns, gospel songs, or children's choruses. You can each learn to enjoy all good music, and you won't want to keep your taste in music from growing. All these types of music serve the purpose of praising God, of comforting Christians in trouble, of expressing feelings of joy and sorrow.

As Scriptures you have memorized come to mind when you need them, so Christian music can come back to you to help. A pastor many years ago urged us to memorize verses of hymns as we do poetry, but I like to learn the tune too and sing rather than say the words. Often as I work in the kitchen or garden I sing the song that expresses the way I feel, and the work seems lighter and easier.

Will you cultivate the habit of learning the songs that would make Jesus happy? In a time of temptation a song of praise can help to crowd out ugly thoughts of jealousy or temper. I find it really helps.

Now read from *Bird Life in Winton*:

Feathers for Worms



"How much are your worms?"

"But we cannot afford it. You must think money grows on trees!" Mr. Isaac Barnswallow was speaking.

"But we must keep up with the other Barnswallows," answered Rebekah; Mrs. Isaac Barnswallow, that is.

"All of the other Barnswallows are lining their nests with down," and with that she pulled her handkerchief out from under her wing and started to cry.

"All right, all right," said her husband, "I will see what I can do, but feathers are very expensive this year."

Mr. Isaac Barnswallow was no bird's fool when it came to business matters. Also, he was very, very industrious. "The early bird catches the worm" was his motto. So the next morning by the time the other birds came to the barnyard to dig for breakfast worms, he had already collected a supply and had opened a little restaurant under an oak tree in the corner of the barnyard.

On the outside was an attractive sign, "Swallow at Barnswallow's." Mr. Barnswallow stood in

the door and called to passing birds, "Worms for feathers. Get your breakfast here. Why waste your time and soil your fingers digging? Barnswallow's worms are guaranteed to be slick and boneless."

"How much are your worms?" asked Speedy Skylark as he paused in front of the door. Speedy's real name was Joseph, but since he was so fast and quick on the wing, his schoolmates called him "Speedy." However, Speedy was anything but quick and fast around his home; in fact, he was lazy. So lazy that he just hated to dig his own worms for breakfast.

"Two for a feather," answered Mr. Barnswallow, "how many will you have?"

"I'll take four, please," answered Speedy. Turning he plucked two feathers, one from each wing, and handed them to Mr. Barnswallow.

Some people are so constituted that they would rather lose a friend than an argument. Be yourself, simple, honest, and unpretending, and you will enjoy through life the respect and love of friends.—Sherman.

He gobbled down his four worms and hurried away to school.

"Two feathers don't matter," he said to himself. "It is so much easier to trade feathers for worms than to dig for them. I'm so glad Mr. Barnswallow has opened a restaurant."

Of course Speedy did not eat there every morning. Sometimes he dug his own breakfast. But there were quite a few mornings when he roosted late or felt lazy. At such times he would rush over to Mr. Barnswallow's and exchange two or three more feathers for worms—until after a month or so he did not have so very many feathers left. Still, Speedy did not think it mattered very much—at least that is what he thought until yesterday.

Yesterday was the day of the big Wing-Meet, with school birds from all over Skyland County gathered for the races. The Winton School was in first place with 256 points, up to the very last race—the 100-yard dash. Speedy had been selected to represent the Winton School in that particular race because he had won it the year before. It was generally agreed that no bird was more swift and quick on the wing than Speedy. The Winton cheer-leaders were very confident as they called for 15 whistles for Speedy, as he and seven other birds lined up in the maple tree at the end of the stadium.

"Ready," said the referee, "on your limb, Go!"

Speedy darted forward with all his might, expecting to be in front all the way. To his amazement, three other birds were ahead from the start. Half way to the goal, two others passed him.

That left only Pete Buzzard behind. Pete was a graceful bird on the wing but was considered one of the slowest flyers in Skyland County. But just short of the finish line, Pete sailed past Speedy, leaving him seventh and last in the race and throwing the Winton School from first place to third in total points.

"What was the matter," said Baldy Eagle, the coach, to Speedy after the Meet. Speedy could only hang his head. Deep in his heart he knew what was the matter.

That night he could not sleep for worrying. Then there came to him what he thought was a wonderful idea. The next morning he was up bright and early and out digging worms, even before Mr. Barnswallow arrived. When Mr. Barnswallow did appear, Speedy rushed up to him.

"Look, Mr. Barnswallow," he said, "I have a box-full of worms. How many feathers will you trade me for these? Please sir. I want my feathers back."

"Trade you feathers for worms?" said Mr. Barnswallow. "Why, you silly little bird. My business is to trade worms for feathers, not feathers for worms." With that he turned and walked away chuckling, leaving Speedy alone and brokenhearted.

So he carried his worms home to his mother and then told her the whole story.

"I am so sorry, Mother. What shall I do? Will my feathers grow out again? Will I ever be able to fly as I once did?"

"I do not know," Mrs. Skylark answered slowly. "We can only wait and see. My son," she concluded, "you must remember that God has given us some things which He expects us to guard and keep at all times. If we fail to do that, and allow them to get away from us, we can never buy them back again—not at any price."

Poor Speedy Skylark! Mr. Barnswallow was right. What a silly little bird to trade his feathers for worms!

(Indebtedness gratefully acknowledged by the author to the story, "The Skylark," by G. H. Charnley, published by Allenson & Co., London, England.)

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Would it not be a foolish thing
To die of thirst, with this clear spring
Of living water at my feet?
To starve when there is bread and meat
And wine before me on the board,
A table spread by my dear Lord?
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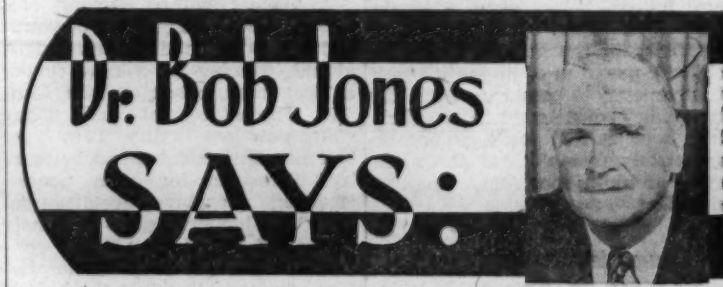
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I quote from a letter received recently from a man and his wife who are graduates of Bob Jones University: "You will find a check for \$20 enclosed for the Building Fund. We can never thank God enough for the valuable training we received at Bob Jones University. It has given an undefinable sixth sense, it seems, in detecting deviations from the old-fashioned, true-to-the-Bible standards. It is easy to see now why you have kept the chapel platform hot, for it is the things we have learned there that have given us the proper slant."

Graduates of Bob Jones University are scattered throughout the United States and also throughout a number of foreign countries. Most of these graduates are faithful, uncompromising, orthodox, Bible-believing Christians; and a large percentage of them are real soul winners. So many of

these graduates say, "I wonder where I would have been if I had not gone to Bob Jones University."

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INCIDENTS and Illustrations



By
Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor

"Money Bait" Traps Thief

George Johnson, city detective in the Dallas Juvenile Bureau, said, "If you want to set a trap to catch a thief, bait it with money and you'll catch him almost every time." As an illustration, Johnson told how Al Gross, manager of a local washateria, had been missing money from his business—once as much as \$150. One afternoon Gross told his workers he was going out for a while, go by his home and leave the day's receipts, then go to the hospital. Instead, he called the police and told them someone planned to rob his house. Within a very few minutes a young employee at the washateria was arrested for trying to steal the money. The youth confessed to police in nearby Mesquite that he had burglarized several churches there, including the Wildwood Baptist Church, and had stolen a dictaphone from that church.

The newspaper item especially interested me since it was my dictating machine!

This idea of using money bait for trapping thieves is a reminder of the truth that Satan always baits his traps well. He puts some alluring enticement in the trap and many of the gullible, both young and old, try to get the bait, seemingly unaware that the cold jaws of the trap will bite greedily the moment they try to make off with the temptation.

Let us not forget, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7).

"Your morality may keep you out of jail but it takes the grace of God to keep you out of Hell. Salvation is in the cross, not in the commandments."

Buddy, Could You Spare a Billion?

In our day of high finance we are accustomed to hearing and reading of sundry federal programs dealing with billions of dollars. Yet the average citizen has no idea how much a billion dollars really is. To help with this problem, the United Press International illustrated it as follows:

"If a man stood over a big hole in the ground, and dropped in a \$20 bill once every minute, day and night, it would take him 95 years to throw a billion dollars into the hole."

All of which may be true, but we have some representatives in Washington who can throw several billion dollars down a single hole in less than 95 minutes. The elasticity in the government's socialistic program of giving its way to prosperity is bound to reach the breaking point eventually. Just how soon it will come cannot be accurately foretold, but it causes every thinking man and woman to shudder!

Long Stretch in Church

A judge in Tampa, Florida, Thomas Caro, sentenced a couple accused of forgery to ten years. That might not be anything unusual in itself, but in this particular case the judge sentenced the couple to ten years in church. Judge Caro put Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Bevil on probation with the stipulation that they faithfully attend church every Sunday for the next ten years. Said he: "I think the church can do more good than jail."

If other judges followed his honor's suit, our nation's churches would be bulging out at the seams. Yes, attendance at a Bible-believing church would help. Yet, with the low caliber of spirituality found in many of today's churches, one wonders whether they would attend a church led by modern, worldly liberals, or by Christians. A back-to-God movement without a back-to-the-Bible emphasis is doomed before it starts.

With the Evangelists

By the Editor

EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS, Box 417, Bethany, Oklahoma, was in the Calvary Baptist Tabernacle of Oklahoma City recently. Rev. J. Dan Recer, the pastor, reports that the church received 77 members on profession of faith, 27 by promise of letter and 3 on their statement of previous baptism. Three young adults also surrendered to full-time service during the meeting. The pastor highly recommends Evangelist Wells for his faithfulness to the Word and his diligence in soul winning.

EVANGELIST GLEN H. SCHUNK, 10 Blythwood Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, closed a meeting April 17 in the Laurel Hill Gospel Tabernacle of Jennerstown, Pennsylvania. Rev. C. J. Ickes is pastor of this independent Baptist church where there were 16 first-time decisions for Christ and 60 decisions by Christians for soul winning, family altars, and tithing. The pastor heartily commends Brother Schunk for his strong emphasis on the visitation program and his

leadership in teaching the people to win souls.

Brother Schunk was also in the Central Alliance Church of High Point, North Carolina, March 13-27. Pastor J. E. Nelson reports good crowds with 31 professions of faith in Christ and 80 decisions among Christians.

EVANGELIST DON WILSON, Route 3, Taylors, South Carolina, held a twelve-day meeting at the Ericksburg Chapel in Ericksburg, Minnesota, April 13-24. Rev. George H. Parks reports 4 first-time decisions for Christ, 30 rededications, and a number of other decisions among Christians. The pastor reports that he saw more real conviction during this meeting than in any previous campaign and that folk who rarely come to the services came again and again to hear the evangelist.

EVANGELIST FRANK DUNCAN, 21 Pine Street, Inman, South Carolina, held a revival at the Glen Raven Baptist Church the week of April 10. Eleven accepted Christ as Saviour, and there were 51 rededications and 8 additions to the church. Rev. Coy Thompson, the pastor, says, "It is refreshing to find an evangelist who will lay the claim of God upon His people for service. Brother Duncan knows the need of the church and deals in a definite way to promote stewardship, soul winning, separation, and faithfulness."

Voice of Revival Radio Log

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Calif.	Los Angeles	KBBI	107.5 MC	9:00 am & 10:00 pm
Calif.	San Diego	XERB	1090 KC	8:30 am
Calif.	San Francisco	KGO	810 KC	5:30 pm
Colo.	Denver	KLIR	990 KC	3:00 pm
Ga.	Toccoa	WLET	1420 KC	8:00 am
Ill.	Chicago	WCFL	1000 KC	9:30 pm
Kan.	Leavenworth	KCLO	1410 KC	3:00 pm
Kan.	Newton	KJRG (FM)	92.1 MC	5:30 pm
Ky.	Paintsville	WSIP	1490 KC	not yet settled
Mich.	Detroit	CKLW	800 KC	8:00 pm
Mich.	Grand Rapids	WFUR	1570 KC	9:30 am
Miss.	Meridian	WCOC	910 KC	7:45 am
Mo.	Springfield	KWTO	560 KC	1:00 pm
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B.C., Canada	Port Alberni	CJAV	1240 KC	5:30 pm
Puerto Rico	Vieques	WIVV	1370 KC	12:00 noon

Sound Familiar?

A teacher named Stirling McDowell read a description of youth which brought nods of agreement at the opening of a new school in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. The statement said: "Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority, disrespect for older people. Children nowadays are tyrants. They no longer rise when their elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble their food and tyrannize their teachers."

Some preachers might like that statement to use as a "sign of the times" proving, they think, that Christ will be coming soon. The only trouble with so doing seems to be that it was written by Socrates over four hundred years before Christ came the first time! Christ may come at any moment but "disobedient to parents" is not the proof!

"At the Last..."

A little over thirty years ago, Muriel Miles was a much-admired Ziegfeld Folies beauty. From the bright lights of Broadway she went to Paris and there was the toast of French gambling casinos. Eventually she returned to New York, always dressed well and lived in a Manhattan apartment building.

The other day she was found

dead in bed, a suicide victim of an overdose of pills. Her farewell note said, "I am too lonely and insecure to fight on in a losing game. I can't look forward to dragging myself around as an old, forlorn bat. I see them around and it is too pitiful. I can't go on. I think of nothing else, morning, noon and night. My inner self says 'have it over with.'"

The story of sin, no matter how sweetly it starts, always ends tragically and bitterly. Proverbs 23:32, while talking about booze in specific, sums up the picture for all sin in general with the words, "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."

Young people are warned to remember God in days of youth before "the evil days come" and "the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Eccles. 12:1). Eliphaz's testimony remains true to the present hour: "Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same. By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed" (Job. 4:8, 9).

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June 7-19:
Pioneer Baptist Church
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Campaign Closes June 9, Hurry!

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some whole family. Or THE SWORD OF THE LORD coming for six months or a year might well save a family from modernism. How many folk have been in modernistic churches, and when THE SWORD OF THE LORD began to come into their homes they saw the error of their way! Only last week a man in Georgia told me with tears in his eyes how the SWORD had saved him and his family from modernism in their denomination.

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Under the title, SONGS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS, Wesley and Marilyn Tuttle have recorded an enjoyable album of gospel music. The selections are the quiet, devotional type chosen for their suitability as a prelude to family devotions in the home. The Tutttles sing together nicely and each does some solo work on this album. Instrumental backgrounds are provided by Charles Magnuson at the piano and Pattie Stiles at the organ. We think you will enjoy *Where Could I Go, Over the Sunset Mountains, Cleanse Me, Now I Belong to Jesus*. There are six selections on each side. SACRED LP-8021

Norman Nelson is one of America's greatest gospel tenors. With Loren Whitney and Charles Magnuson providing organ and piano

accompaniment, Mr. Nelson has recorded some of the selections which he has sung with blessing before audiences in the Philippines, throughout the Orient, and in the States. As a missionary with Orient Crusades since 1956, Mr. Nelson has traveled extensively, earning the name of "SINGING AMBASSADOR." He sings with artistry and feeling. Some of the twelve titles you will hear and enjoy are: *It's Real, I Am Not Worthy, The End of the Road, Under His Wings, and I Am Amazed*. SACRED LP-8034

Here is an unusual one! Most of us whistle now and then for our own amusement, but whistling is almost lost as an art. Alma Records has produced on the Christian Faith label an LP album of gospel music with Lorin Whitney playing the pipe organ and Ralph Platt whistling. Mr. Platt was featured entertainer at a famous cafeteria in Los Angeles for eight years. He has toured extensively with Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. Folk who enjoy whistling will like this album. There are twelve songs. Among them are: *Day By Day, There's No Disappointment in Jesus, Then Jesus Came, I Know I'll See Jesus, and All That Thrills My Soul*. Christian Faith LW-1403 Monophonic, LW-233 Stereophonic

A very fine recording comes to us on the Zondervan Victory label. Mr. Ralph Nielson directs the TEMPLE TIME CHOIR in a program of outstanding gospel music. Some selections are done a cappella. Others have sensitive organ accompaniment by Hans Wurman. This Choir is composed of top vocal talent from churches in and around Chicago. They are heard each week on a network of stations in the U. S. and Canada and

other countries. The recording has good variety supplied by use of a male quartet (Springs of Living Water) and ladies trio and soloist. A fine balance of selections, good blend and tone quality mark this as a very desirable album for your collection. You will enjoy *O for a Thousand Tongues, Abide With Me, Hallelujah for the Cross, Rock of Ages, So Send I You*, and others. Twelve numbers. ZONDERVAN ZLP-551

Paul Mickelson directs the Concert Orchestra of London in an album called MAJESTIC THEMES, which features the tenor voice of Claude Rhea, professor of music at New Orleans Baptist Seminary. Mr. Rhea has good range and excellent control. His interpretations are tender and reverently spiritual. There are twelve selections . . . six on each side. You will recognize *Bless This House, My Task, I Wonder As I Wander, The Palms, and I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked*. WORD W-3087-LP

We thoroughly enjoyed the album called FROM THE HALLS OF WESTMONT by The Kerrwood Choraliers. The able conductor and arranger is John Lundberg. The Choraliers sing with the vitality and enthusiasm of college students, yet with real professional quality. Miss Pauline Greiser handles the accompaniment. Miss Bonnie Wilson appears as piano soloist and performs beautifully. Eleven selections display the versatility of this fine group. Side 1 holds seven numbers including *Lead on, O King Eternal, Rise, Shine, Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*. Side 2 presents some Glee Club Favorites including *The Lone Prairie* and *Sweet Genevieve*. Friends of Westmont will be especially interested in this fine al-

bum. CHRISTIAN FAITH KC-1421 Monophonic, KC-345 Stereophonic

The Keller-York Team have produced a new album of gospel westerns. These two talented young couples accompany themselves using organ, string bass, vibraharp, accordion and guitar. They sing as a quartet and do duets and solos. There are twelve selections. Most of the titles are unfamiliar to this reviewer. You will recognize: *O Happy Day, Now I Belong to Jesus, Jesus Is All I Need*. Folk who enjoy smooth, rhythmical gospel music will get much pleasure from this album. ZONDERVAN ZLP-536

WORD has produced an album which unites the powerful baritone voice of Fague Springman and the Concert Orchestra of London under the baton of Paul Mickelson. The result is an outstanding album of nine sacred classics. Mr. Springman formerly appeared under the stage name of Lee Fairfax and had a distinguished career. He is now professor of voice at the University of Maryland and Minister of Music at the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Washington, D. C. He also serves as soloist with Howard Butt, Jr., in evangelistic work. On this album you will hear: *I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked, Lord God of Abraham, and O Rest in the Lord* (both from *Elijah* by Mendelssohn), Franck's *O Lord Most Holy*, Malotte's *The Lord's Prayer*, and others. WORD W-3077-LP

There you have it for this month. Remember that your comments and suggestions will be appreciated. We will be happy to hear from you and will do our best to help you build in your home a sacred music library that will be

Editor at Tampa

Dr. Lee Roberson of Chattanooga, Rev. Bob Gray of Jacksonville, Florida, and Evangelist John R. Rice will be speakers, and the inimitable Bill Harvey from Springfield, Missouri, will sing at the annual Bible conference of First Baptist Church of Temple Heights, Tampa, Florida, May 23-27, Monday through Friday. Services begin at 7:00 p. m. Monday, then daily at 10:00 and 11:00 a. m., 7:00 and 8:00 p. m. Pastors and their wives are offered free rooms. Rev. Vernon D. (Cotton) Nelms is pastor. The church's address is 8406—46th Street, Tampa, Florida.

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Why Do Souls Go Away From Jesus?

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rather to save him. Jesus comes in His appeal to men, and puts before them the clear demand: "If you would have Me for your Saviour, I must come first, before father or mother or children or dearest loved ones, or your own property or your own life. I must come first." That is not easy. That is death to self. That is self-crucifixion. And yet you would not have it any other way. Let us make religion easy and we will play it out. Let us make religion hard, even with the hardness of the terms of discipleship laid down by Jesus, and it will be triumphant anywhere in the world.

Because of the Fear of Man

Why do people go away from Jesus? Full many a time they go away from Him because of the fear of man. That is indeed a biting saying in the Bible where it is declared: "The fear of man bringeth a snare." Pilate was not the only man who betrayed Jesus, and in that same act betrayed himself through the fear of man. All about us the fear of man plays the most desperate havoc in human life. All through the social order, in the world intellectual, and the world of business, and the world political, and the world social, the highest interests are betrayed, and the supreme call of Christ set aside, through the fear of men. There comes in the tragic power and peril of influence. What can some men mean, and women, by the tragical misuse, the desperate waste, of their highest influence? One waits for another, and one acts because of another, or one does not act because another does not, and all through the social order the fear of man is one of the ravaging wastes of the highest influence that comes to human life.

They tell us that in the capital city of one of the older states, in the long ago, a marvelous meeting was led by that eminent American evangelist, Charles G. Finney, probably the ablest evangelist that America ever saw. He preached there some three months, and thousands came to Christ. When he was preaching there one night, the story goes that there slipped into the great audience to hear him the Chief Justice of the highest court of New York State. The learned Justice came out of sheer curiosity to hear a plain, pungent, powerful speaker. It was not his custom to go to church. Not for years had he been at any public religious service, and yet this evening the preacher brought his message to bear on the conscience of this man, taking for his text: "No man liveth to himself," and when the minister had finished his message, he said: "Now, I ask, appealing to your judgment and your conscience"—that is Christ's appeal always—to men's judgments and to men's consciences—His religion does not need any other kind of appeal—when the minister had finished his appeal, he said: "Now, is some man's judgment convinced, and is his conscience searched by the truth spoken tonight, and will he, for his own sake, and for the sake of everybody else whom he may influence, make his public surrender to Christ?"

And down the long aisle came the Chief Justice, to make his confession of Christ. When he took the minister's hand, the Justice said: "If you allow me, I should like even now to turn and speak some words to this waiting audience." And facing them, the dignified Justice said: "If I have any influence over anybody, I beg him to do as I have done, to yield life and all, utterly and now, to Christ." And he called for God's forgiving mercy, that he himself had so long delayed to make that great surrender. It is said that many lawyers at the bar, there assembled in the vast audience,

came down every aisle, and stood around the great minister and Chief Justice, and said to the Judge: "O sir, because you have come, and because of your appeal; we too, will make our surrender to Christ." What if the great Judge had not come?

O my soul, I know the man, and you know him, who has not come, and yet, because he has not, there shelter behind him others, who perhaps will continue to hide behind him as long as he shall stay away from Christ.

Through Doubts and Questions Concerning Religion

Why do people go away from Jesus? Full many a time they go away from Him, through capacious doubts and questions concerning religion. Many people ask, What if this and that be not so? What if the Bible be not trustworthy? What if Christ be not divine? What if there be no immortality for the soul? What if there be no Heaven for Christ's friend, and no Hell for those who will not have Christ? What if those things be not so? And with question marks like that, they turn away from the vital verities of faith, and miss the way of life. Do I speak this, midday hour to some man or woman who is in the grip of some serious religious doubt? Then I call to you, do not trifle with that doubt. Probe that doubt, I pray you, to its very depth. Superficial dealing with doubts in the realm of religion is utterly inexcusable. Well has someone said that "doubt is the agony of some earnest soul, or the trifling of some superficial fool." Do not trifle with your doubts. You have too much at stake, if you have doubts, in this lofty realm of religion, to go along carelessly with such doubts. Doubt is caused in various ways and comes from various sources. There is the doubt of the head. Nathanael had such doubt. "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" he asked, and the answer was given him: "Come

and see," and he came and saw.

There is the doubt of the heart. Some disappointment comes, beating us into the dust. Some poignant sorrow comes to blind us, to smite us and to check us. John the Baptist had such doubt. Those fine plans and hopes that swept through his mind and heart seemed all crushed as he lay there in the jail, and he sent some of his men to ask the pitiful question of Jesus: "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" Be patient with somebody in doubt, when the dark and cloudy day is on, when the black Friday presses down upon the spirit with its fearful pressure. But I have come to believe, my fellow-men, that doubt is caused by a wrong life more than by anything else in all the world. Time and again when I have come into close quarters with the man who spoke out his doubts and paraded them and defended them, I have found on careful inquiry, full many a time, that underneath and behind that doubt, and evidently occasioning that doubt, was some wrong life. If a man will come with right attitude in the sight of God, he shall be delivered from every doubt, which leads me to call your attention to that great challenge Jesus has given.

Notice it: "If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God." That is as broad as the race. That is as comprehensive as humanity. "If any man willeth to do the will of God, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God." Let any human being, no matter what the question, what the fear, what the doubt, what the difficulty, assume a perfectly honest attitude toward God, saying: "I want light, and if thou wilt give it, no matter how, I will follow it," such person surely shall be brought into the light. Time and again you have seen, as I have seen, that challenge of Jesus frankly accepted and frankly proved, and men have been brought out of the darkness into the glorious liberty and light of the children of God.

I was in an Eastern city some years ago for some two weeks in a daily mission, and every evening when I would finish my message, I said, as was their custom: "If there are interested men and women, who would tarry behind for personal dealings touching personal religion, they will pass through this door into the smaller auditorium, and the rest may go while we are singing the last hymn." I stood there at the door, to greet the people as they passed into the smaller auditorium for more careful and for closer personal dealings, and along with the men who came this particular evening, there came an attractive looking man some thirty-six or thirty-eight years of age, and he tarried at the door to speak with me, fairly trembling as he did so, and yet putting on a brave face. He said to me as he tarried there at the door: "Well, sir, I do not believe a word you said tonight."

I replied: "Then, pray, why do you tarry? My invitation was for serious people. My invitation was for men and women in earnest, for those with a desire deep and true to find light and to get help. Why do you tarry?"

"Oh," he said, "I thought I would like to see you at close range, and to hear what you said to these men in this room, and therefore I have come along."

I felt that I could see underneath all that brave exterior an interest deeper than he was willing at all for me to know, and I said: "You tarry, and when the others are gone, then I should like to have some words with you alone."

And so he did, and when the other service was finished, I had him alone, and as I sat beside him I asked him: "What brought you into this place? What gave you these doubts? Whence came all this uncertainty in your spirit concerning religion?"

He told me a story that I have neither the time nor the inclination here to repeat. He was the son of a minister in old Virginia. He was reared like a boy ought to be reared, and yet he had got far away from all that rearing, having been absent from home some fifteen years.

Then I said to him: "If these things I preach to you tonight are true, wouldn't you like to know the truth of it all?"

He made quick response: "Certainly, I should like to know the truth of it all."

Then I said, "You can know it. Here is the challenge of Jesus: 'If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God.'" I said, "Now as I bow my head, I will speak to your father's God and to my God, and I will ask Him just to lead you on, and to fill you with desire and purpose to follow His leading." And when I had finished the prayer I said, as we were bowed there at our chairs, "Let us remain bowed, and you try for a moment to pray."

He started back and said: "Why, man, I would not know how to begin. I have not tried even in a dozen years."

Think of a man's going a dozen years without calling on God! It seems impossible. "I would not know how to begin," he said. I answered: "Then I will frame a sentence for you, like I would frame it for my little child, and you say it after me." And so I did, and he repeated it, and I framed a second sentence, and he repeated that, and a third sentence, and he repeated that, and then I paused and said: "Prayer, sir, is the sanest thing in the world. Prayer is the outcry of a little, needy, finite, mortal being, to a great, infinite, omniscient, omnipotent, all powerful, all merciful Being. Tell Him what you would like. Tell Him like you would tell a man something you

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Why Do Souls Go Away From Jesus?

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should hasten to tell him, without any reserve."

And then, timidly and tremblingly and haltingly he began his prayer. In a moment or two his words came faster. In a moment or two his sentences rushed like a torrent. He was confessing his sins. He was bewailing his dreadful decline, and memory was burning like fire, and it blazed and burned, as he recalled the old home, with the family prayer, and the father as a preacher, and the mother singing the simple songs of faith. And then he went on and said: "I remember, Lord, the last sermon I heard good father preach. He preached from that text, the cry of the publican, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.'" He said: "That is my prayer. Be merciful to me, a sinner. I give up to thee. Help thou a helpless sinner!" And then he was still, and then in a moment more he was on his feet, and I looked up at him and waited for him to make his pronouncement, and then he looked down earnestly at me, with his outstretched hand, and said: "I have found the light!"

Of course he had found the light. Any man on the earth who will assume the right attitude toward Jesus shall be brought into the light.

My indictment against the skeptic who prates against the things of God is that he will not be candid about it and go deep enough. Any man in the world, doubter, skeptic, atheist, materialist, whoever he is, who will assume a perfectly candid and obedient attitude toward God, shall surely be brought into the light.

Through the Power of Sensual Enjoyments

Why do people go away from Jesus? Full many a time they go away from Him through the power of sensual enjoyments. There are two Scriptures that set forth that truth. Here they are: "The pleasures of sin for a season," and this other: "Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God." Through the power of sensual enjoyment, full many a time men and women miss the upward way and go the downward way to doom and death. And yet this world has in it nothing that can really satisfy the ache of the human heart.

That brilliant Frenchman, Sabatier, was right when he said: "Man is incurably religious." And then the Bible comes on, with its revealing statement, telling us that God hath set eternity in the human heart, and therefore nothing less than the eternal can satisfy the human heart. Temporal things, no matter how many, cannot satisfy the human heart.

*This world can never give
The bliss for which men sigh.
'Tis not the whole of life to live,
Nor all of death to die.*

*Beyond this vale of tears
There is a life above,
Unmeasured by the flight of
years,
And all that life is love.*

Nothing short of the infinite and the eternal can satisfy any human heart.

Through the Fearful, Fateful Power of Procrastination

Why do people go away from Christ? Full many a time they go away from Him through the simple, fearful, fateful power of procrastination. They tell us that procrastination is the thief of time, and so it is, but, oh, it is so much more than that. Procrastination is the thief of souls! All about us are men and women who intend somewhere, sometime, to focus their thoughts on the things of God, and to say "yes" to the call of Christ, and yet through the power of procrastination they are hurried on and daily lulled the more deeply to sleep, and the conscience is deadened, and the days go by and the highest things are lost. All about us there are men and women who, when we approach them concerning personal religion, will tell us that they intend to say yes to Christ, that they desire to be saved, that they

fully expect this important matter of personal salvation to be settled a little later. But it is a little later that they say. It is tomorrow. It is by and by.

Down yonder on the Mexican border, where I have often and joyfully preached to the cattle-men through the passing years, I have heard one cry escape the Mexicans' lips which is revelatory to a remarkable degree of the Mexican character. It would explain why Mexico is so belated in the development of her civilization. That little word that the Mexican uses so frequently is this: "Manana!" "Tomorrow!" You may crowd upon him this duty, or that or the other, and he will consent to what you are saying, but in an undertone he will say: "Manana! Manana! Manana!" Tomorrow! Tomorrow! Tomorrow! And so it is Satan's supreme cry to the human soul concerning religion—"Manana! Manana!" Tomorrow! Tomorrow! And as he cries it, men and women are beguiled and cajoled and deceived, and thus the battle is forever lost for the human soul. May God now arouse this audience from the awful peril of procrastination, that you may turn to God and be saved!

2. Where Do They Go?

I am coming to our second question briefly. I have asked you, Why do people go away from Jesus? Now to the second question more briefly, Where do they go? Echo answers, Where? Where do they go? Well, if they are Christians and go away from Jesus, as many of them, alas, do, they go into backslidings. Oh, what stories

could be told in this fair city about us, and in any other, of drifting Christians, if only hearts were revealed, and we could read all that in them is: Backslidden Christians! David went away from his Lord, and, oh, the hurt of it! Samson went away from his Lord. Oh, the hurt of it! Simon Peter denied the Lord. Oh, the shame of it and the hurt of it! And through the long years the friends of Jesus have listened to siren voices and have gone away from the right path into backsliding. How they have harmed religion! How they have harmed souls for whom the Saviour died! How they have harmed themselves! How they have grieved Jesus! Do I speak to somebody here today who is a backslidden Christian? Oh, I exhort you, I summon you, I beseech you, for your own sake and for the sake of everybody else, hasten back to Christ!

They Go to Hell

I ask you this other question: Where do people go when they go away from Jesus, those that are not saved at all, those that are not born again, where do they go when they go away from Jesus? Jesus tells us in language unmistakable: "Ye shall die in your sins." He said to some who cavilled at His teachings, "and whither I go ye cannot come." You ask me if I believe in the fact of Hell. I believe the fact of Hell as much as I believe the fact of Heaven, and I believe in the fact of the one for the same reason that I believe in the fact of the other. The one clear teacher concerning destiny, concerning

the hereafter, was Christ Jesus the Lord, and He teaches that every man dying "shall go to his own place." Moral gravity is as real in the world of morals as physical gravity is real in the world natural and physical about us. Every man shall go to his own place when he leaves this world. If a man says to Jesus: "I will go on without you," where Jesus is, such man shall not come. If a man says to Jesus: "I disdain all else, frail as I am and sinful, and I believe on Christ. I can do nothing else, God help me;" when such man goes hence, he will go to be with Christ.

They Go Away From the Bible

Now, if you go away from Christ, pray look at what you give up. If you go away from Jesus you must give up this Book. Christ and the Bible are indissolubly linked together. If you can get rid of the Bible, you can get rid of Christ. If you can get rid of Christ, you can get rid of the Bible. The one is the complement and counterpart of the other. Christ and the Bible are the binomial word of God. If you get rid of Christ you get rid of the Bible, and if you propose to get rid of the Bible, sing no more by the open grave that shepherd's psalm, the twenty-third. Sing no more by the open grave when you hide your loved ones from your sight, the glorious fourteenth chapter of John: "Let not your heart be troubled." You are done with Christ, if you are done with the Bible, and if done with Christ, you are done with the Bible.

They Go Against the Testimony of Greatest People in the World

What else do you get rid of when you get rid of Christ? You discredit the testimony of every friend that Jesus has ever had in all the world, and He has had friends many, both great and small. Many of the world's most capable minds have been the devoted friends and followers of Jesus. Gladstone said he knew sixty of the greatest minds of his century, and that fifty-four of them — scientists, statesmen, mighty men in all callings—were the devoted friends of Jesus that he ever saw.

Oh, this gospel that we preach, my men and women, is not a

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Capital Punishment

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of the crimes telling that a major crime is committed every 20 seconds. Especially were we startled by the fact that a murder is committed every 64 minutes.

An ascending cry of protest comes from the people. The growing savagery of the concrete jungle of city streets is becoming more alarming every day. Any of us at any time can be subjected to sudden violence, even death, night and day.

The press cries for justice, sometimes for vengeance. "The courts are much too lenient with these young murderers," people write. "They should get the electric chair, not just jail sentences." And another pleads, "The courts should stop coddling these young criminals—give them stiff jail sentences, or in the case of murder, the electric chair."

A number of pseudo-scientists have given queer explanations for the situation, and a few clergymen have come out with do-gooder platitudes that when considered in the light of the realistic criminal tendencies become abject folly.

These modern child-trainers have advised parents against slapping their children's hands. It tends to break down their morals! No discipline, please! Prohibitions bring inhibitions! These are terrible things.

You see, these people don't know God, they don't know His law, they don't know His commandments; therefore, they are anti-God in their teaching.

Today I wish to deal with the national folly of setting aside biblically commanded capital punishment and show you that this is a rejection of God and His Word. Men in their supposed wisdom try to supersede God and get into deep trouble that we are in today. Yet they will not confess that they are wrong and go back to God's revealed purposes for crime.

God's Word Says

Let me take you to Genesis 9 which is the story of the beginnings of human government after God had destroyed civilization with a terrible flood because of men's sin.

Before the Flood men were arrogant, God-forgotten, and violent. There were crimes and all sorts of sins. And the Lord had said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man" (Gen. 6:3).

But Noah found grace in the sight of the Lord, and Noah was told to build an ark to save himself; and he and his wife, their three sons and their wives were saved, and through them God started the human race all over again after the Flood.

The Bible says that of these three sons of Noah the whole earth was overspread. God made a covenant with Noah and said, "I make [a covenant] between me and you and every living creature that is with you for a perpetual generation" (Gen. 9:12). He said, "And the fear of you . . . shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air" (Gen. 9:2).

Then God says this: "And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man" (Gen. 9:5).

God puts a tremendous premium on human life. Satan has propagated a materialistic lie that has made men to believe that they are nothing but educated apes and it doesn't make much difference what happens to them.

Here are God's stern commands that have never been abrogated: "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man" (Gen. 9:6). This is God's word that the state not only has the right but the responsibility to take the life of the man who has taken another life in cold blood, for God values human life.

Many clergymen do not know their Bibles, and you hear men in the pulpit attacking capital punishment saying it is brutalizing society. This is not true.

There are those who say that capital punishment does not deter

murder, but there is plenty of evidence to the contrary. Others are saying that the Christian thing to do is to rehabilitate the criminal, not take his life.

Actually, these people think they know more than God. But when people say that capital punishment brutalizes society, I say that there are a thousand evidences that lack of proper punishment for those who have taken lives has made society more and more brutal, because criminals feel that they can get away with it.

There is a tendency today to give undue sympathy to the murderer and have little regard for the victim of his crime. This weakens justice and encourages murder, and the Scripture is against it.

I've heard supposedly reliable people say that to take life at any time is wrong, whether it be a criminal or the state. But God does not say that. When God gave over government to men, He demanded that the state should take the life for those who killed human beings.

Individual and State

Many quote the sixth commandment which says, "Thou shalt not kill" (Exod. 20:13). That law makes it a sin for the individual to take another's life. But listen! If these wise pulpiterers would read a little further till they come to Exodus 21:12, they would read: "He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall surely be put to death." That's God's Word as much as "thou shalt not kill."

God gives this command to the state. Leviticus 24:17 says, "He who kills a man shall be put to death."

Numbers 35:30-34 goes into detail on the subject. If anyone kills a person, the murderer shall be put to death on the evidence of witnesses; but no person shall be put to death on the testimony of one witness.

And God sternly tells the state: "Moreover you shall accept no ransom for the life of a murderer, who is guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death" (Num. 35:31). What a slap at the sentimental softies in our modern courts!

God warns human government: "You shall not thus pollute the land in which you live: for blood pollutes the land: and no expiation can be made for the land, for the blood that is shed in it, except by the blood of him who shed it" (Num. 35:33).

Yes, that is God speaking—not this broadcaster. And who will deny that our land is not being polluted by the blood of thousands of murdered people?

Now if you want more teaching, turn to Deuteronomy 19. There God distinguishes between accidental killing and willful murder: "If anyone kill his neighbor unintentionally without having been at enmity with him in times past . . . he may flee to one of these cities [that is, the cities of refuge] to save his life: Lest the avenger of blood in hot anger pursue the manslayer . . . and wound him mortally: though the man did not deserve to die" (Deut. 19:4-6).

Someone retorts, "Ah, that was back in Old Testament times, and they didn't know God as well as we do today, and it isn't Christian philosophy." But there is nothing in the Christian teaching that changes the responsibility of the state for carrying out God's commands concerning taking a human life.

The New Testament demands a change in our personal attitude toward our enemies. Jesus said, "You have read of old time about an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, Love your enemies . . . do good to them that do evil against you . . . and persecute you" (Matt. 6:38, 44). That is individual Christian action. There is a vast difference between individual action toward our enemies and governmental action toward enemies of society. The Almighty demands that government shall preserve law and order.

Church people had better wake up to the fact that God has His government as well as grace, and you can't mix the two.

If you will read the outcry of the old prophets of Israel against social injustice, you will be surprised how many times they brought down the judgment of

God upon laxness in the administration of justice. In that day as today laws were being flouted and criminals escaped punishment.

Crime and Punishment

We must get away from the softness that is disobedience to God, or we'll bring our land into complete corruption, and no decent person will be safe. The old maxim of Gilbert and Sullivan is true: "Let the punishment fit the crime!"

Jesus said in Matthew 5:17-20: "Think not that I have come to destroy the law and the prophets: I have not come to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota nor dot will pass from the law until all be accomplished." And the principle of capital punishment precedes the law, for it was given to Noah when the human race was started all over again after the Flood.

Jesus never tolerated hate and murder. "You have heard that it was said of old time, Thou shalt not kill . . . But I say to you, That every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment" (Matt. 5:21, 22). Instead of abolishing the law, He made it stronger.

Oh, you say, Jesus would be against capital punishment. He was so loving. Well, Jesus died on the cross; He was a victim of capital punishment. There were two thieves that were crucified with Him. Apparently both were getting their just dues, because one of them said so.

Jesus didn't condemn capital punishment. He didn't say the Romans were wrong. He was the only innocent victim on Calvary. Jesus offered eternal mercy to the repentant thief. He said he would be with Him in paradise.

Jesus went to the cross, endured the most excruciating type of capital punishment that the world has known (crucifixion), and never complained against the Romans. He did complain against the leaders of His own people Israel for railroadng Him to the cross.

Now let me be dogmatic here. Don't ever say that Jesus did away with capital punishment. That's ridiculous! He said men deserved capital punishment if they just hated people. He let it be known that a Christian had to live a higher life than mere outward obedience to a set of commandments. The Christian life is lived far above criminal tendencies.

Paul backed up Christ's words when he wrote to the Romans: "Therefore he who resists the authorities, resists what God has appointed" (Rom. 13:2).

When government, in keeping with God's law, takes a life, it is not committing murder.

The early Christians by the thousands suffered persecution and death. They were human, and sometimes they felt they ought to take the law in their own hands and avenge the death of their dear ones by the pagans because the pagan police wouldn't bring these people to justice, but Paul said: "Beloved, never avenge yourself; but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Rom. 12:19).

But Paul didn't say this was to be the procedure for those who administer the law and justice protecting society. That would be ridiculous. God is the God of order and of judgment, as well as love and mercy, and you can't have one without the other.

But I hear someone say, "You can't deny that Jesus told us to love our enemies." Yes, but Jesus didn't tell governments to love the enemies of society.

A Merciful God

Remember, God's mercy endureth forever; He is long suffering, and not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But when men do not come to repentance, then God is a God of anger and wrath. Jesus Himself said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). Our law enforcers have forgotten that, and they have turned to become silly, soft-headed social delinquents themselves.

Remember this: While God delighteth in mercy, He never lowered His standards of justice. Many people don't like the God of justice. Many people don't like

the God of the Old Testament. When God chose Israel to be His own people and to teach lessons to all nations through them, He demanded justice as well as charity. The Jews of the Old Testament knew the difference between right and wrong. They dealt with wrong in a very severe way, and they had the commandment of God so to do.

I have heard a lot of people say that capital punishment executed soon after the crime doesn't permit the criminal time for repentance.

A man doesn't need twenty or thirty years to repent of his sin. The nearer the crime, the greater the possibility of repentance. And every man who has a decent trial has plenty of time to think of his acts and repent of his sins, even though he be committed to the electric chair or to the gas chamber. The Spirit of God is at his side willing to help him to repentance, bringing him conviction. The chances are that if he doesn't repent within a short while, a long prison term will only harden him in his crime.

One of the great reasons for the tremendous crime in this country is the abuse of pardons. Dr. Frederick Baldi, long-time prison medical officer, tells this in a book entitled, "Our Unwelcome Guests."

He says: "Every day we read in the papers about criminals that were pardoned, who the Board of Pardons should know had criminal tendencies, and the next thing you know they have murdered a child or an adult, perhaps connected it with rape because they are sex maniacs. But do-gooders say, 'Let them out.'"

This man who spent a lifetime as a prison doctor says that murderers are turned loose each month after serving as little as twelve years of a so-called life sentence.

Men and women that they killed have been cut off of their legitimate period upon this earth to serve God and man. The Boards of Pardon and Parole, he says, set these people free on the placid assumption that paying a fraction of the penalty is as good as paying it all. Do you see how loose, how unbiblical and how ungodly this is?

There is more sympathy shown today for the living criminal than for the person he killed, robbed, or blackmailed.

The Fear of Death

Speaking of the death penalty and the trend toward abolishing it, this prison doctor said, "Violence, rapine, and murder have always run high in great cities. What the rate would be in such places if there did not lurk in

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A Love Triangle

A young couple on a train were obviously newlyweds off on a honeymoon. A silver-haired gentleman leaned across the aisle and asked, "Is there a third party going with you on your honeymoon?" The couple were bewildered. The old man added, "When Sarah and I were married, we invited Jesus to our marriage. One of the first things we did in our new home was to kneel and ask Jesus to make our marriage a love triangle—Sarah, myself, and Jesus. And all three of us have been in love with each other for all our fifty years of married life."

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Why Do Souls Go Away From Jesus?

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collection of cunningly devised fables for people silly and thoughtless. The sanest thing on the face of the earth this Thursday morning is for a man or woman to be pronouncedly the friend of Christ—that is the sanest thing of all. Jesus is the needed Saviour for the great as well as the weak. Will you look over the world's great names? In the list you will find many friends and followers of Jesus. Look yonder at the list of scientists, and in that list you will see Miller and Agassiz and Proctor, bowing obediently at the feet of Jesus. Look at the world's astronomers, and you will see Copernicus and Kepler and Newton showing their devotion to Jesus. Look at the world's first statesmen, and you will see Washington and Gladstone and others like them, showing their devotion to Jesus. And so through the centuries you will see the earth's first minds devotedly following Christ.

But I would bring the truth nearer you than that. There in the little circles where you and I live, are some whose names never get into the newspapers at all, but you and I believe in them as we believe in nobody else in the world, and they tell us that they have tried Jesus and found Him true.

Yonder in the United States Senate some time ago, when a group of senators were at a dinner, as the story was told me by one who knew, one senator looked across to the chiefest senator at that time in the Senate, and said to him: "Senator, do you believe in that old doctrine that a man must be born again to get to Heaven?"

The senator after a moment's pause made serious reply: "I certainly do. I am grieved to have to tell you that I am not a Christian myself, but I believe in the doctrine of the new birth as preached by Christ."

Then the first senator, wincing under the remarkable answer, said to the second, after a moment more: "Pray tell me why you believe in that old exploded doctrine of the new birth?"

The senator waited a moment, and his face was serious and a tear was in his eye, as he said: "My mother and my wife have both told me that they surrendered to Christ, and have been born again, and they both live like it is so." You cannot answer that!

They Go Away From the Only Answer for Sin, Sorrow and Death

I detain you for a final word. If you go away from Jesus you are left baffled and broken in the presence of the three greatest mysteries of all, and I name them and then we will go. If you go away from Jesus you are left broken and baffled in the presence of sin. You have no Saviour if you reject Jesus. He is the only Saviour. And the most terrible and obtruding fact on the earth this Thursday morning is the fact of sin in human life. If you get rid of Jesus, you have no Saviour from sin.

And if you get rid of Jesus, you are left beaten and broken, with all the sorrow that is regnant in human life. Pause anywhere and you will hear the undertone of sorrow—anywhere. If you get rid of Jesus you have no delivering friend from the thralldom of sorrow.

And still more, and most of all if you get rid of Jesus you are left in the presence of death, without light and without hope and without life, broken in the presence of death. When you come to the grave you will need a Saviour. Plato and Socrates merely speculated as they looked into the open grave. So did Caesar when he stood up in the Roman Senate. Job asked the question: "If a man die, shall he live again?" Only one person has answered that question. Only one

can answer it, and His name is Jesus. He came and bowed His head to death, and went into the dark chambers of the grave, and on the third day after they laid Him in Joseph's tomb, He pushed the grave door open and came out, saying: "Because I live all who trust me shall live forever." Oh, you must not dare to live or die without Jesus!

'Tis religion that can give Sweetest pleasures while we live. 'Tis religion must supply Solid comfort when we die.

After death its joys will be Lasting as eternity. Be the living God my friend, Then my joys will never end.

Tell me, are you for Jesus? I would be for Him, were I in your place today, if I had to go through flame and flood to follow Him. Be for Him before it is too late! Does He call you today? Follow Him, trust Him, yield yourself to Him whatever your condition or case may be, and His word for you is sure: "Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out."

THE CLOSING PRAYER

How deep is our joy, O, our Father, that we have such a Saviour, even the Lord Jesus Christ, to forgive us and guide us and keep us forever. As we stand here to-day may we promise one another, and above all may we promise Christ to cleave to Him and to cleave to Him forever. And if one is here to-day in the grip of doubt or sin or difficulty of any kind, lead such to be candid and wholehearted, as such one seeks the way of life, and may such one soon tell us that he or she has found that blessed way and is going with us as we follow Christ.

And as you go now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion and blessing of the Holy Spirit, be granted you all and each, to abide with you to-day and forever. Amen.

(From the book, A QUEST FOR SOULS, by the late George W. Truett, published by Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee. Used by permission of the publishers.)

Why Do YOU Go Away From Christ?

Some poor, lost sinner has read this sermon by the wonderful preacher, Dr. George W. Truett, who has now been in Heaven several years. Then let the editor ask you, you who have till today never taken Christ as Saviour and never turned from your sin, Why do you go away from Christ? And where will you go? What sin keeps you from turning to Christ and trusting Him today? If you have doubts and fears, the Lord can answer all your problems and settle all your doubts, if you will honestly seek Him today. Will you do it? Up in Heaven there is more joy over one sinner that repents than ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance. So I am sure that Dr. Truett in Heaven would greatly rejoice if you will today turn from your sin, depend upon Christ for salvation, and be saved. I ask you to do it now.

If you will honestly turn your heart from sin and depend upon Christ for salvation, I beg you to sign the decision form below, then copy it in a letter and mail it to this editor today. First, say yes in your heart, and when the decision is really made to turn from sin and depend upon Christ forever as your own personal Saviour, then sign and copy the decision form and mail it. Will you do it today?

Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor
THE SWORD OF THE LORD
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Dear Brother Rice:

I have read Dr. Truett's sermon on "Why Do Souls Go Away From Jesus?" I admit that I am a poor, lost sinner who needs saving. I believe that Jesus died to save me. So here and now I take Him to be my personal Saviour and depend upon Him to forgive all my sins and change my heart and make me a Christian. This moment I surrender to the Lord Jesus in my heart and trust Him. I will claim Him openly as my Saviour and will set out to live for Him. Please write me a letter of counsel and instructions about how to live for Christ.

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It is no humility for a man to think less of himself than he ought, though it might rather puzzle him to do that.

—Spurgeon.

Capital Punishment

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the criminal's mind the fear of execution, it is frightening to speculate. Governing bodies should bend their efforts to seeing that capital punishment is imposed automatically in cases of heinous crime where there is no question that the culprit has taken human life in cold blood.

"Opponents of capital punishment protest that legal execution

is inhumane," says the doctor. "I am here to witness that the executions I saw were carried out in as humane a fashion as possible. As the saying goes, the victim never knew what hit him, once the trap was sprung, the switch pulled. The chances are that they were put to death more speedily and mercifully than were their own victims. In fact, for the condemned man, the true punishment is not so much death itself as the hours just before it when he is left alone in his cell to contemplate the final moment of horror drawing constantly nearer for him.

"The right of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness does not belong to the criminal but to those who behave themselves. The criminal, the killer, endangers the rights of all of us . . .

"Remove the electric chair and the gas chamber, and we remove the greatest psychological deterrent to premeditated murder," says Dr. Baldi.

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Should a young couple find out what the Bible says about the home before or after marriage?



The windows of the little church down the road are gleaming in candlelight. A soft wind stirs the flame, and drifts new fragrance through to the hushed, expectant people. The bride's mother is tearful. Her father stands alone, a little desolate, having just given away one of his dearest possessions. A man and his wife-to-be stand before God and men, to wed each other for better . . . or for worse.

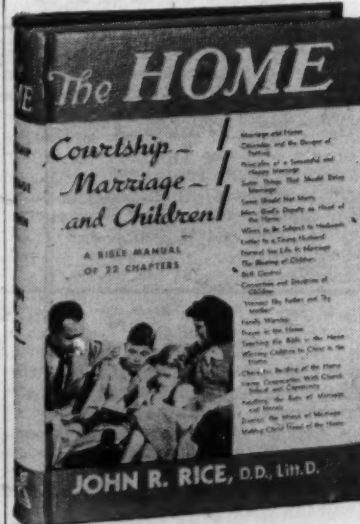
Which will it be—better or worse? They want and expect their marriage to be heaven on earth. But such homes are not guaranteed by the vows so solemnly pledged tonight. They are molded by daily, meticulous attention to the standards God has laid down.

The real tragedy lies in the fact that this man and woman may not know the instructions God has given for a happy, Christ-like home. Would you help them if you could? No doubt you know someone who has recently married or is planning to marry, soon.

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SWORD OF THE LORD

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A Praying Farmer

An honest farmer was asked to dine with a gentleman. The farmer, according to his custom, gave thanks to God. Whereupon his host jeered him, "That is old-fashioned; it is not customary nowadays for well-educated people to pray at the table." The farmer stated that it was customary with him but not with some members of his household. "Oh, then," said the gentleman, "they are sensible and enlightened. Who are they?" "They are my pigs," answered the farmer.

Shall President Take Orders From the Pope?

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a man's religion unless the man wants to be controlled. But a Bi-

ble-believing Protestant (regardless of what denomination he belongs to) says that whatever the Bible says is so—he believes in an authoritative Bible. Nobody bosses a good Protestant in his religion. He makes up his own mind about what he believes. He does not put himself under a "boss" if he does not want to; but if he wants to, he can.

As I have said, a good Protestant believes that whatever the Bible says is so. A man can be "religious" and not believe that, but he cannot be a good Protestant unless he believes that. A man has no right to call himself a Christian if he does not believe that whatever the Bible says is so, because the Bible makes it plain that if a man knows God, he will hear the Word of God. All good Protestants believe that the Bible says certain fundamental things: that Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, that He was God manifest in the flesh, that He died on the cross to save sinners, that He arose from the dead, that He is coming back again someday, and that we are all sinners and cannot save ourselves but that we can trust Jesus Christ to save us. Yes, all good Protestants believe in an authoritative Bible.

Now our Catholic friends (and, remember, under our American system of government they have a right to believe whatever they want to believe) believe in an authoritative Church. They believe that whatever the Church says is so. They believe that when the Pope speaks officially he is speaking for God. I do not believe a word of this myself, and I have a right to say that I do not believe it; and I am going to keep on saying it. I think that the humblest Christian in America—whatever he may be—has as much right to walk up and talk to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ, His Son, as the Pope, or a cardinal, or a bishop, or a priest. I do not have to ask somebody else to talk to God for me—I can do my own talking. That is Protestant Christianity. There does not need to be somebody between God and me. I walk up and talk to Him in the name of His Son. The promise in the Bible that "whatever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do" is not addressed only to the clergy. It is addressed to every Christian.

cide whether or not he wants to come here. We do not have time to split the organization between eradication and suppression. We set up a certain kind of a school, and we let the people who have an affinity for the kind of school we set up gravitate to it. This reflects Americanism and Protestantism in America.

Under our American system of government, if a man wants to set up a school for eradicationists, that is his privilege, but he should not interfere with anybody else. If a man wants to shout, he ought not keep the neighbors awake at night by his shouting. That is not right. If a man wants to shout, he should get out in the woods where there is no one close to him to shout, or go in his house and shut the doors and stop all the keyholes and then shout. But a man does not have a right to disturb the peace by his shouting.

We live in the greatest country the stars ever looked down on; but, you know, we are in the greatest danger in this country that we have ever faced in our lives. Here in America we have an anemic Protestantism. This anemic Protestantism is moving throughout the country and breaking down people's faith in the Bible; and when people get to where they say the Bible is not the Word of God, they are cutting the spine out of Protestant Christianity.

Here in America a person has the right to say he does not believe the Word of God if he wants to, but he ought to come out boldly and say it, and not slip around and whisper and be crooked and try to lead folks astray. That is not ordinary, decent honesty. Under our American system of government, a man has a right to be a Unitarian; he has a right to be a Trinitarian; he has a right to be a Roman Catholic; he has a right to be a Jew; he has a right to be a Protestant. He has a right to believe in the virgin birth or not to believe in the virgin birth. I want to make that plain.

There is not a spot in America that is more American than Bob Jones University campus. We are not trying to run anybody's business except our own; but we are facing in America a very great danger, and you students ought to know about it. There is a movement on today to elect a Roman Catholic as President of this country. If the people in America vote to elect a Roman Catholic for President, that is their privilege and right. A group of people here in America are going to put this over if possible; but you, young people, have a right to know that they are going to do this if they can. Let's understand that.

If the Methodists want to elect a Methodist President and can put it over, they have the right to do that. The Unitarians have a right to elect a Unitarian President if they can. If a Methodist or a Unitarian gets to be President of the United States, he has a right to take the oath of office and be President of the United States; but, as an American citizen, I have a right to be against a man for President for any reason I choose. I have a right to vote against him because he is bowlegged if I want to; I have a right to vote against him because he hasn't but one eye and might not see very well.

American Citizens Have the Right to Require That Their President Not Take Orders From the Pope

As a citizen of America I have certain rights. The citizens of America are the rulers of this country, and we hire our own employees. The United States has elected at least two Presidents who were Unitarians. Well, I am a Trinitarian; but the citizens of the United States have a right to elect a Unitarian as President. A Unitarian does not believe in the virgin birth. Yet people say that when we Protestants speak out against a Catholic's being elected President, we are narrow.

We are not narrow, but we have no allegiance to Rome. Our allegiance is to God and our country, not to the Pope. The papal throne is a real throne. A Pope has a little empire of his own. He has the Vatican over in Rome. Now the Roman Catholics say (and here in America they have

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Searching the Scriptures

Proverbs 11

A Wise King Shows the Fruits of Sin and Righteousness

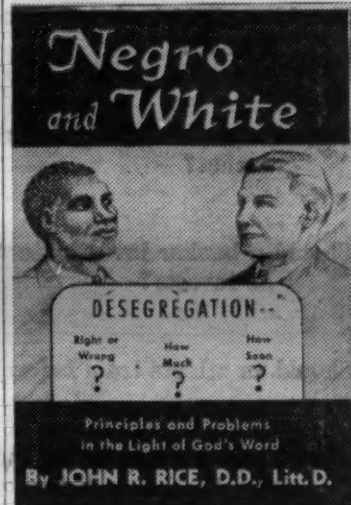
Clues Across

- 1 "_____ hope of unjust men perisheth"
- 4, 37 "The _____ of the righteous is a _____ of life; and he that winneth souls is wise"
- 8 "Riches profit not in the day of _____ wrath"
- 10 "_____ your heart, and not your garments" Joel 2
- 11 "The desire of the righteous _____ only good"
- 12 where parents of Samuel lived (I Sam. 1:19)
- 15 initials of three good kings of Judah (II Chron. 26:1; 25:1; II Sam. 2:11)
- 16 "led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the _____" Matt. 4
- 17 initials of two prophets of God (II Chron. 18:13; 15:8)
- 18 "so shall his part be that tarrieth by the _____" I Sam. 30
- 20 "in the day that _____ eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" Gen. 2
- 22 "but with _____ lowly is wisdom"
- 23 "When it goeth well with the _____, the city rejoiceth"
- 26 "Riches profit not in the _____ of wrath"
- 28 "they came and took up his _____, and laid it in a tomb" Mark 6
- 29 "The merciful man doeth good _____ his own soul"
- 30 "There _____ that scattereth, and yet increaseth"
- 31 "A _____ answer turneth away wrath" Prov. 15
- 33 "The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the _____" Gen. 48
- 36 "_____ that winneth souls is wise" see 4 across
- 39 "He that is void _____ wisdom despiseth his neighbour"
- 41 "The righteous is _____ out of trouble"
- 42 good king who detroned his mother because she worshipped idols (I Kings 15:13)
- 43 initials of two kings of Judah, son and father (II Chron. 26:1)
- 44 initials of son who conspired to take throne from father, and the father (II Sam. 15:13)
- 45 offered strange fire before the Lord (Num. 3:4)
- 48 to burn with hot liquid
- 49 "he that _____ shall be watered also himself"
- 50 "As righteousness tendeth to _____: so he that pursueth evil"

Clues Down

- 1 "He that _____ in his riches shall fall"
- 2 a tract of waste land
- 3 "tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be _____ with power" Luke 24
- 5 "_____ me, and deliver me out of great waters" Ps. 144
- 6 "he shall be a vessel _____ meet for the master's _____" II Tim. 2
- 7 prefix meaning three, as in "Trinity"
- 8 initials of two mountains: where Christ ascended (Acts 1:12)
- 9 where temple was built (II Chron. 3:1)
- 9 "And slew _____ kings: for his mercy endureth for ever" Ps. 136
- 13 "My covenant will I not break, nor _____ the thing that is gone out of my lips" Ps. 89
- 14 "every one that hath forsaken _____, or brethren _____ for my name's sake" Matt. 19
- 19 to cook over a flame in a pan
- 21 "faith is the substance of things _____ for" Heb. 11
- 24 initials of two mountains: where Aaron died (Num. 20:25) where Elijah called down fire from heaven (I Kings 18:19)
- 25 "Master, we have _____ all the night, and have taken nothing" Luke 5
- 27 "neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long _____" Isa. 22
- 30 "withholdeth more than is meet, but _____ tendeth to poverty"
- 31 "Buy the truth, and _____ not" Prov. 23 (two words)
- 32 "He that diligently seeketh good procureth _____"
- 34 initials of father and mother of Cain (Gen. 4:1)
- 35 distress signal
- 36 "_____ that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter"
- 37 "_____ in the Lord with all thine heart" Prov. 3
- 38 "saith he to Thomas, _____ hither thy finger, and behold my hands" John 20
- 40 "A _____ balance is abomination to the Lord"
- 41 "if thou _____ out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted" Isa. 58
- 42 son of Cosam (Luke 3:28)
- 44 "In _____ thy ways acknowledge him" Prov. 3
- 46 initials of two sons of Jacob (Gen. 35:18; 30:13)
- 47 "_____ that seeketh mischief, it shall come"

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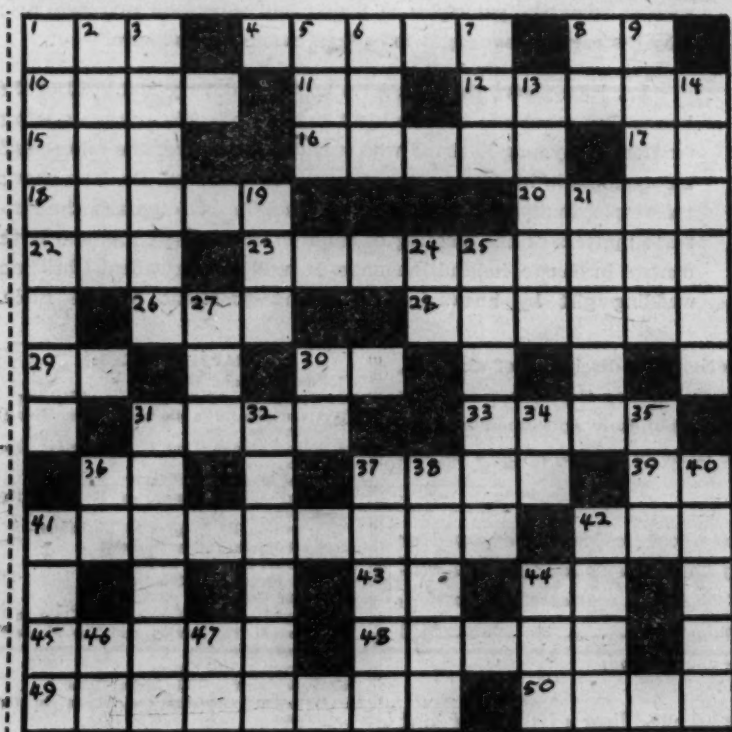
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a right to say whatever they want to say—no one questions that) that when the Pope speaks, God speaks; but that is not so. When the Bible speaks, God speaks. I have a right to say this, and the Roman Catholics have a right to say the other.

But now wait a minute—I have a right to say whether or not I want a man in the White House who thinks that when the Pope is talking, God is talking; and this is a different thing. It is not the same thing at all as electing a Unitarian or a Trinitarian. When a man is elected as President of the United States, I want him to do what the people of the United States say. I do not want the President to show any favoritism to the Methodists or to the Baptists or to the Presbyterians; and there is no obligation on any Protestant in the United States to show favoritism to anybody. But it is different with a Roman Catholic—that is an entirely different situation.

I hold in my hand a magazine, and I want you to listen to what I am going to read. Now, remember, I am doing my duty this morning. I have been skinning the modernists up and down in this country, and I am going to keep on skinning them. I have also been talking about narrow religionists in this country who cannot see beyond their own little church; and I am going to keep on talking about them. I have never said one word against the Roman Catholics as bitter as what I have said against modernists in Protestant churches. I respect sincere, honest Roman Catholics much more than I respect modernists who do not believe in the virgin birth of Christ. I am talking this morning as an American—a citizen of the greatest country in the world but a country that is now facing the greatest danger it has ever faced.

The Pope Says Rights of Catholic Church Above Those of Government

"Today as yesterday, the Church loudly affirms that its rights and those of the family take precedence over those of the state." What's that? Pope John XXIII said that on January 9, 1960 (TABLET). We say that duties do not conflict. We say that a man cannot be the head of the American Government and get his orders from the head of another government. That is not Americanism. Some people say that if a Catholic is elected President of the United States he will not take his orders from Rome—well, he will not be a good Catholic if he does not.

Now I respect a Roman Catholic who is honest and sincere; but I do not want the Pope telling the President of the United States what to do and what not to do. Our President is our servant. We elect him. We pay the bill. I would not want the Methodist Church to tell the President of the United States what to do—I would not want any Protestant group to tell him what to do. This is not narrowness, and it is not intolerance. This is good, red-blooded Americanism.

We are in danger in this country. There is liberalism in Protestant circles. The old-time, strong convictions are gone. But the Pope has not changed. According to the Roman Catholics, the voice of the Church is the voice of God. Well, if they want to believe that, I am not going to blame them for believing it. I do not believe it, but they have a right to believe it if they wish to believe it. But I do not want the President of the United States to believe that. As an individual American citizen he can believe that, but I do not want such a man to run this country and be the head of this government. You say that is narrow? No, it is not. It never occurred to me before whether a man was a Baptist or a Methodist or a Presbyterian when he was elected to office. But, boys and girls, men and women, you listen to me. Do not get yourself fooled. The modernists in this country have cut the backbone out of Christianity and drained the red blood out of convictions; and now we have a bad situation in America. A softening-up process has been going on, and so many people do not know anything about it. We are in danger.

Candidate Kennedy Obeys Catholic Authorities Against His Own Convictions

I quote from an editorial which appeared in the March, 1960 issue of THE CHRISTIAN HERITAGE:

Several times in recent months the American public has been confused by Senator John Kennedy's statements concerning his allegiance to his church and his allegiance to the Constitution of the United States. The Senator has boldly asserted that he does not act upon the dictates of the Roman Catholic Church. He claims, "People are afraid that Catholics take orders from a higher organization. They don't. Or at least, I don't." (REDBOOK, November, 1957) Then we remember the publicized reply of Mr. Kennedy's church, "Something does indeed take precedence over the obligation to uphold the Constitution—namely [Roman Catholic] conscience" (AVE MARIA, quoted by the Chicago SUN-TIMES, February 24, 1959). It has not only been declared repeatedly by the Senator's Church, but it has been proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that John Kennedy cannot act as a free man, but must yield to the orders of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

The Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling has brought to the attention of the American voters an explicit instance in which Senator Kennedy was forced to obey a Cardinal of the Roman Church against his own preference and

choice. Dr. Poling had invited John Kennedy to be one of the key speakers at the interfaith banquet which marked the conclusion of the financial campaign for the memorial chapel honoring four chaplains of the "Dorchester." One of these chaplains was Roman Catholic, one Jewish; two were Protestant, and one of these was Dr. Poling's son. This incident was related in the December, 1959 CHRISTIAN HERALD by Dr. Poling, who is the editor. The U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, December 21, 1959, has also refreshed the public's memory concerning it in an article entitled, "Dr. Poling, Senator Kennedy, and an Invitation Declined," from which we quote: "In the fall of 1950, at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, we held the banquet that marked the conclusion of our active financial campaign. It was a gala and impressive interfaith occasion . . ."

Now here were four chaplains—two of them Protestant, one Catholic, and one Jewish—for whom they wanted to build a memorial chapel. I quote further:

Our third key speaker was to have been Congressman John Kennedy of Massachusetts. He had graciously accepted our invitation to take part in the program as a spokesman for his Roman Catholic faith. Yet, bowing to the will of an eminent Catholic prelate, Mr. Kennedy disappointed us. Two days before the banquet, Mr. Kennedy

telephoned me from Washington and said that he would have to cancel his appearance. His Eminence Denis Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia had requested him not to speak at the banquet and not to appear. The Congressman's distress was obvious as he relayed this information. All but overwhelmed with my disappointment, I reminded Mr. Kennedy that the banquet was a civic occasion, that all the faiths were participating and that we were meeting, not in a Protestant church, but on neutral ground in a hotel. The Congressman replied that he understood all this and that he had done everything he could to change the Cardinal's position.

Who says that the Roman Catholics are not bossed? Let me quote further:

His speech was prepared, he said, and he would gladly forward it to me, but as a loyal son of the church, he had no alternative but not to come. Unquestionably, Mr. Kennedy was grieved as he reported Cardinal Dougherty's decision to me, and, unquestionably, also, he was profoundly embarrassed. We hastily had the banquet programs reprinted to eliminate Congressman Kennedy's name, and, though many Roman Catholics were present at the dinner and participated in the evening's events, there was no spokesman for their faith—Cardinal Dougherty's ruling had come too late in the day for us even to attempt to secure an adequate replacement for John Kennedy . . .

Dictation By a Foreign Ruler Is Dangerous and Wrong

Now who says that we are narrow. We might vote for a Unitarian. If a modernist were running for President of the United States, we would not say he should not be elected. But we do not want a President in America who is dictated to by anybody across the sea or over here. Let me tell you something. The time is coming in America when there has to be some red-blooded battle fighting for America. This is no time for any "if's, and's, or maybe so's." I do not blame Mr. Kennedy. I think he is one of the nicest men I have ever seen. He has a right to be a Catholic. As I have said, I would shed my blood to give every Catholic the right to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience; but, brother, the man who gets to the White House is "my boy." I hire him.

I am not the only fellow who hires him. He is "your boy," too. This is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. We do not want any entangling alliances in religion or any control over this government, religious or otherwise. We do not want the people we elect to office to be controlled by anybody but the American citizens who put them in office. Some people say, "Well, Senator Kennedy would not be controlled by the church." Well, Senator Kennedy has already submitted to the church on at least one occasion since he has been in political office.

Some of the nicest people I have (Continued on next page)

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ever known have been Catholics. I personally have more respect for a Catholic who believes in an authoritative religion than I have for a Protestant in a Protestant pulpit who does not believe in an authoritative religion but who stands up and takes money from folks who do not believe in an authoritative religion. What I am saying does not mean that I do not have any respect for Senator Kennedy personally; but you do not hire folks to do a job for you just because you like them or respect them. You want to know if they are going to do the job according to standard. In this day and time when voices are clamoring to be heard all over the world, we do not want to elect somebody as President of the United States who is going to be dictated to and told what to do. Senator Kennedy refused to make a speech in honor of the dead. Why? The Cardinal told him not to. I do not blame him for refusing to go ahead with the speech if that is what he thinks is right.

It is one thing not to fellowship with Christians you do not agree with, and it is another thing to refuse to do something because somebody told you not to do it. We Protestants do not have to ask somebody in Rome what to do. All we have to say is, "What does the Bible say? This is what I think it says. If you do not agree with me, all right. That is up to you." The only time we orthodox fellows kick is when someone says he does not believe the Bible. But a man has a perfect right to do what he thinks he should do. It is all right for a Unitarian to go out and build a school. We do not object to that. We do not object to a modernist in this country going out and building a school.

I do regret to see the modernists' stealing the schools that were orthodox when they were built. They ought not to be crooked about it. I would shed the last drop of blood in my veins to give a Jew, a Unitarian, or anybody else the right to build a synagogue or a church. That is Americanism; and I am telling you right now, we are in danger of losing this freedom. This softening-up

process has been done by the modernists; and, remember, I skinned the modernists before I skinned anybody else. I have said that I would rather be a thief and steal money out of the pockets of people than to be a modernist and steal the faith out of people's hearts. I have never said anything that hard against Unitarians or Catholics. I stick to principles.

To Vote and Campaign Against a Catholic for President Is Not Bigotry But Americanism

I am not saying that Kennedy is not a nice man; but suppose the Cardinal or the Pope told him to do something and he listened to him. That is what he did on one occasion. What if he should take over as President and say, "I am sorry, but I have to obey the Cardinal (or the Pope) . . ." Why, the Pope, according to the belief of the Roman Catholics, has the power to get a man out of purgatory if he gets in there. Boy! I would stand by a fellow if I thought he could pray me out of purgatory, wouldn't you? Now, Roman Catholics have a right to believe that; but I have a right to say I do not believe it, and I do not want a President in the White House who believes it.

We have religious liberty in this country. Anybody who can be elected President has a right to be President, but I am one of the boys who hires these servants. The President is our employee. We have a right to say that we are not going to vote for a certain person just because he is bowlegged if we do not think a bowlegged man could fit in as well as a man who was not bowlegged. The people are supposed to be the "boss" in America—not an ecclesiastical machine, Protestant or Catholic.

I am an American. My duty to my country demands that I take this stand. My duty to my God demands that I stand up and tell you that neither the Pope, the priest, the church, water on your head, all the water in the Pacific Ocean, nor all the water in the Atlantic Ocean, can take away

your sins. As a born-again, Bible-believing Christian, I stand up here and say you do not need any priest, Pope, bishop, moderator, or the head of any school to get you to God. All you have to do as a child of God is walk up in the name of Jesus Christ and do your own talking. The Bible says, ". . . whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, I will do it."

You young folks, listen to me. Things are getting awfully shaky in this country. Modernists have drained the red blood out of our Protestant schools and Protestant churches. Most anything goes now. We still have a government in America. But Senator Kennedy could not go to a meeting where four chaplains were to be honored—a patriotic occasion—because the Cardinal told him not to go. Senator Kennedy did not say, "I cannot come because it is against my religious convictions." He wanted to go; but the "boss" said, "You cannot go." The people of the United States are supposed to be the boss of the man in the White House. As I have said, he is their servant. We citizens employ him. He shines our shoes; we do not shine his. He presses our pants; we do not press his. We are not his servants. He is our "hired boy."

Bob Jones University stands for old-time, red-blooded Americanism. Let me repeat that I would walk out of here today and give the last drop of blood I have so that any Roman Catholic, or Jew, or Unitarian could have the right to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. Listen! This generation is living on leftover piety that has been handed down to us, and we are in the greatest danger in this country we have ever been in in our lives.

Don't let people fool you. You saw the other day where a Cardinal spoke out about Protestants. Recently there have been Protestants trying to sell us down the river. The other day a Cardinal is supposed to have said, "Well, now, he is a nice fellow. Let him go . . ." All right, if you think that, Cardinal, go ahead; but I know something about politics, too. The speech that the Cardinal made the

other day was the smoothest political speech that has been made in America by any politician—Democrat or Republican. He was throwing kisses at the Protestant world while Kennedy has his eyes on the White House.

Some people will "cuss" me for what I have said today, but that does not bother me. I am used to being "cussed." I have had to take that all my life because I have stood for my convictions. Remember, the modernists in Protestant churches (and they claim to be broad-minded) have "cussed" me for a number of years. But I have a responsibility to you young folks, and I have a responsibility to my country. I am not a narrow-minded American. I am just a good, red-blooded American; and because I am a good, red-blooded American, I do not want a man in the White House who, while a member of Congress, took his orders from a Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church.

I do not like "religious bosses." I will take the other kind but not "religious bosses." I would not force Christianity down your throat. I would not force the doctrine upon which this University was founded down your throat. We built a school; and we tell people what kind of a school it is, and they can take it or leave it. If they do not like it, they do not like it. I respect the Roman Catholics for standing flat for the authority of the Pope if that is what they sincerely believe. Even though I do not believe it, I respect them. I respect any man on earth anywhere—Jew, Catholic, or Protestant—who has convictions. As I have often said, I have more personal respect for a Roman Catholic who stands for the authority of the Pope than I have for a Protestant preacher who stands in a downtown pulpit and does not stand for the authority of the Bible. At least the Catholic is consistent.

It surely would be awfully bad to see a man in the White House whom the Pope or Cardinal could contact and say, "You can't do that, Son." "All right, my holy father." I say that is not good Americanism.

It Will Pay You to Write Us!

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baptized. Please pray that when I do let my mother know that she will not take it too hard."

Then this Jewish man goes on to say, "Often in my difficult situation I felt like backsliding but it was through your books that I gained a fuller and deeper love for the Saviour, and know that I can never go back into the darkness and hopelessness of Judaism . . ."

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the fact that he chooses the fellowship continually of infidels and enemies of Christ and the Bible, make him a poor witness, it seems to me. I am glad that he has been saved and glad that he believes the Bible. Now I wish he would preach the Bible and live out and out for Christ and side in with friends of Christ and the Bible instead of with their enemies.

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